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AVAQMD's Alternative Fuel Vehicle Incentive Program an Overwhelming Success 76 Total Vehicle Incentives During the Month of March Alone

Lancaster - The Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District's Alternative Fuel Vehicle Incentive Program has experienced tremendous success this year, with unprecedented auto sales in March. The program offers a rebate to Antelope Valley residents who purchase an electric, plug-in electric hybrid or natural gas vehicle from a local auto dealership. A total of 76 of these vehicles were rebated in the month of March alone, with 44 the last two business days of the program.

"This shows what we can accomplish when our community comes together as one--businesses, citizens and government," said AVAQMD Chair Marvin Crist. "As the region's local Air District, we are proud of this grand slam for our community. We are stabilizing the local economy, creating new jobs, cleaning our air, and providing revenues to both of our cities for critical public services."

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The maximum incentive amount had been \$4,500 per vehicle purchased within the boundaries of the AVAQMD, and up to \$2,000 if the purchase was made outside of the District. In order to increase program participation within the available budget, thus extending the life of the program, the incentive has now been reduced to a maximum of \$2,500 as of April 1, 2014. In addition, the AVAQMD also continues to offer local residents the opportunity to permanently retire older, higher polluting vehicles that are 20 years old or older, currently registered and operational. Antelope Valley residents can sell their qualifying passenger car, van, and light or medium duty truck to the AVAQMD for \$1,000.

The types of vehicles included in the rebate program are electric, plug-in electric, hybrid and compressed natural gas. The amount of vehicles rebated since the inception of the program are:

2011 – 15

2012 – 36

2013 – 75

2014 (Jan. and Feb.) – 40

2014 (March) – 76

“We are overwhelmed by the tremendous success of this Alternative Fuel Vehicle Incentive program,” said AVAQMD Operations Manager Bret Banks. “Under the strong leadership of our Board of Directors, this program has grown exponentially since its inception.”

For more information regarding the Alternative Fuel Vehicle and Carl Moyer Programs visit:

<http://www.avaqmd.ca.gov/index.aspx?page=197>, or call the AVAQMD office at (661) 723-8070.

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